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FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

FOLLOWING REPEAT MAPUTO 0581 ACTION SECSTATE INFO GENEVA USUN NY
VIENNA LUSAKA DATED MAY 18:

QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0581

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG

DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY AS IMMEDIATE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ZA OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: AMB YOUNG'S TRIP TO AFRICA: REQUEST TO VISIT ZAMBIA

1. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED TO ME THE CONCERN
OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA THAT I WAS NOT COMING TO ZAMBIA FOR
MEETING REQUESTED BY PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT MARK CHONA.
FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE AND TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR HAVE REPEATED
REQUEST FOR BRIEF MEETING WITH KAUNDA IN LUSAKA TO RECEIVE
MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER. I BELIEVE ACCEPTANCE OF INVI-
TATION WOULD BE REASSURING TO KAUNDA GIVEN HIS CONCERNS OVER
(A) SMITH THREAT; (B) THE STRONG RESERVATIONS WHICH ZAMBIA
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SPEAKERS EXPRESSED HERE YESTERDAY RE FIVE POWER INITIATIVE
ON NAMIBIA; AND (C) RHODESIA WORKING GROUP.

2. WE COULD DEPART JOHANNESBURG FOR LUSAKA ON SUNDAY
MAY 22 ATO 1800 WITH EARLY MORNING MEETING MONDAY, MAY 23,
WITH KAUNDA AND DEPARTURE FOR KHARTOUM BEFORE NOON. THIS
ITINERARY WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITH PRESS ON CANCELLA-

TION OF STUDENT MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA WHEN WE DO NOT HAVE
TO BE IN KHARTOUM UNTIL MAY 24.

3. COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY RAMPHAL ALSO TOLD ME YESTERDAY
THAT KAUNDA IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS DOMESTIC SITUATION AND
IS RELUCTANT TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE. VISIT TO
LUSAKA WOULD INDICATE SUPPORT AT CRITICAL TIME. REQUEST
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AND INSTRUCTIONS.

4. I AM MEETING WITH UK REP. ROWLANDS TODAY AT NOON TO
COORDINATE OUR STRATEGY ON CONFERENCE DECLARATION. WILL
TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LUSAKA VISIT IN ORDER
TO GUARD AGAINST ANY CONFLICT WITH U.K. INITIATIVES.

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